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FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF STATEMENT MADE BY IRANIAN DEL IN CONNECTION WITH BOARD OF GOVERNORS CONSIDERATION OF FRANCE/IAEA/PAKISTAN TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, SOME OF WHICH WE BELIEVE WAS DIRECTED AT U.S., IN CONTEXT OF DIFFICULTIES IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION:

QUOTE MR. CHAIRMAN, MY DELEGATION HAS NO INTENTION OF GOING INTO DETAILS CONCERNING THIS AGREEMENT, BUT SINCE APPROVAL OF THIS AGREEMENT IS IMPORTANT FOR PAKISTAN, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT SOME RELEVANT FACTS.

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QUOTE 1. THE NPT PROVISIONS AND THE AGENCY'S STATUTE HAS PERMITTED THAT EACH COUNTRY COULD USE NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL USES, AND WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE 4 AND 5 OF THE NPT, EXPORTING COUNTRIES OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND TECHNOLOGY SHOULD ASSIST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD.

QUOTE 2. AS THE GOVERNORS ARE AWARE, THE FOSSIL FUEL RESERVES IN THE WORLD ARE CONSTANTLY DECREASING AND IT HAS BEEN FORESEEN THAT THE OIL RESERVES WILL DISAPPEAR IN THIRTY YEARS.

QUOTE THE QUESTION OF SUPPLYING REQUIRED ENERGY FOR FUTURE YEARS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECTS FOR EACH COUNTRY, AND THAT IS WHY EACH COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO FIND SOME WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE ITS REQUIRED ENERGY PROBLEM. WE ARE AWARE THAT IN THE FUTURE NUCLEAR ENERGY WILL BE THE ONLY SOURCE OF ENERGY WHICH IS ECONOMICAL AND COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER FOSSIL FUELS.

QUOTE 3. PAKISTAN IS ONE OF MANY COUNTRIES WHICH IS TRYING TO OBTAIN ITS REQUIRED ENERGY, WHICH IS A SUBSTANTIAL ELEMENT FOR ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE EXPECT THAT PAKISTAN AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL RECEIVE VALUABLE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. THE PAKISTAN-FRANCE AGREEMENT IS ONE EXAMPLE OF OVERCOMING THE ENERGY PROBLEM AND IT SHOULD BE WELCOMED.

QUOTE 4. THE JOINT PAKISTAN-IAEA STUDY REPORT, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN JULY 1975, NAMELY THE "NUCLEAR POWER PLANNING STUDY FOR PAKISTAN" SHOWS THAT PAKISTAN, IN TERMS OF FOSSIL FUEL RESERVES, IS ONE OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

QUOTE THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THIS STUDY WAS TO DEFINE THE ECONOMICALLY OPTIMAL TIMING AND SIZE OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WHICH COULD BE BUILT IN PAKISTAN AND COMMISSIONED DURING THE 1980 TO 2000 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERIOD. THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT FROM 1982 TO 1990 A TOTAL OF EIGHT 600 MW UNITS PLUS SEVEN 800 MW UNITS WILL BE REQUIRED. THIS WOULD LEAD BY THE YEAR 2000, TO A CAPACITY AND GENERATION OF ABOUT 66PERCENT OF NUCLEAR POWER ENERGY. TO MEET THIS TARGET FOR NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION, AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL MUST BE ENSURED.

QUOTE 5. MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT CONFORMS TO THE APPROVED SAFEGUARDS CRITERIA OF THE IAEA AND THE AGENCY WOULD BE FAILING IN ITS OBLIGATION IF IT DID NOT AGREE TO APPLY THE SAFEGUARDS.

QUOTE 6. FURTHERMORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, PAKISTAN HAS GIVEN THE REQUIRED UNDERTAKINGS IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT THAT THE REPROCESSING FACILITY, EQUIPMENT AND TRANSFERRED TECHNOLOGY WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY MILITARY PURPOSE.

QUOTE 7. MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT DELAY IN APPROVAL WILL CREATE UNNECESSARY DIFFICULTIES FOR PAKISTAN IN ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION.

QUOTE 8. FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, MY DELEGATION HOPES THAT COUNTRIES ADVANCED IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WILL PAY MORE ATTENTION AND INTEREST TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND DIFFICULTIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ANY POSITIVE STEP TAKEN IN THIS DIRECTION, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO MORE COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND ADD TO THE PROSPERITY OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. END QUOTE.STONE

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